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KUDOS TO A WEST Columbia business leader who has been selected to lead the South Carolina Office on Aging. Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. began work in the post back around the first of March. Loftis is a lifelong resident of the Palmetto State and is graduate of USC. Among his many accomplishments is the founding of the Saluda Charitable Foundation, a faith-based Christian hu-

manitarian group that operates international missions for housing and medical care for the elderly. Prior to establishing the foundation, he had a 20-year career as a successful West Columbia businessman. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of West Columbia.